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ADMINISTRATION OF POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING
SPHINGOSINE KINASES

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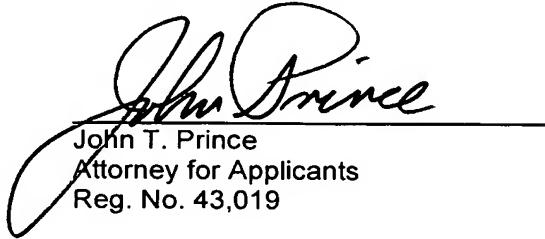
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form(s) PTO-1449.

The listed references are of record in parent Application No. 09/970,516 filed August 1, 2002 (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,610,534) and copies are available therein. However, Applicants are willing to send copies of any or all of these references at the Examiner's request.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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